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ABSTRACT

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3 ^{4/8} A method and apparatus for reading and writing information on a stand alone
4 magnetic card or disk is accomplished by a data card or disk having several layers
5 including a substrate, magnetic medium, and a protective layer respectively affixed
6 together. The card or disk is placed within an adapter either subsequently inserted into
7 or permanently disposed within a floppy disk drive of a computer. The adapter has
8 dimensions compatible with the floppy disk drive and permits the card or disk to rotate
9 within the adapter about an axis perpendicular to the plane of the card or disk upon the
10 presence of the card and adapter in the floppy disk drive. The card or disk subsequently
11 traverses read/write heads of the floppy disk drive for information storage and retrieval.
12 Paper may be utilized as the protective layer of the card or disk and include text or
13 graphics to have the card or disk simultaneously function as both a data storage device
14 and a business card or other advertisement media. Further, the card or disk may be of
any shape permitting rotation of the card or disk within the area of the adapter.